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Strongylopus Tschudi, 1838 (Amphibia, Anura): *Rana fasciata* Smith, 1849 designated as the type species

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers all previous fixations of type species for the nominal genus *Strongylopus* Tschudi, 1838 are hereby set aside and *Rana fasciata* Smith, 1849 is designated as the type species.
- (2) The name *Strongylopus* Tschudi, 1838 (gender: masculine), type species by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above *Rana fasciata* Smith, 1849, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) To the entry on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology for the name *fasciata* Smith, 1849, as published in the binomen *Rana fasciata* and as defined by the lectotype (specimen no. BMNH 58.11.25.127 in the collections of the Natural History Museum, London) designated in Opinion 713 (November 1964), is hereby added the endorsement that it is the specific name of the type species of *Strongylopus* Tschudi, 1838.

History of Case 2361

An application for the designation of a type species for *Strongylopus* Tschudi, 1838 was first received from Prof Alain Dubois (*Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France*) on 10 September 1980. After correspondence over a number of years the case for the designation of *Rana fasciata* Smith, 1849 as the type species was published in BZN 54: 162–166 (September 1997). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

It was noted on the voting paper that support for the application had been received from Prof J.L. Poynton (*The Natural History Museum, London, U.K.*; formerly of *University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa*). The case was also supported by Dr Barry Clarke (*The Natural History Museum, London, U.K.*).

Rana fasciata Burchell, 1824 (perhaps a synonym of *Strongylopus grayii* (Smith, 1849)) and all uses of the name *Rana fasciata* prior to that by Smith (1849) were suppressed for both priority and homonymy in Opinion 713 (November 1964). At that time *Strongylopus* Tschudi, 1838 was regarded as a junior synonym of *Rana* Linnaeus, 1758 and a valid name for the type species of *Strongylopus* was not then considered.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1998 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 54: 164. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1998 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 19: Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Cocks, Cogger, Dupuis, Eschmeyer, Kabata, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Nyc, Papp, Patterson, Savage, Schuster

Negative votes — 1: Štys.

No votes were received from Lehtinen, Kerzhner, Kraus and Song. Heppell and Ride were on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the name *Strongylopus* Tschudi, 1838 placed on the Official List, and to the endorsement for *Rana fasciata* Smith, 1849 on the Official List, by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

fasciata, *Rana*, Smith, 1849. *Illustrations of the zoology of South Africa. Reptilia*, pl. 78, text.
Strongylopus Tschudi, 1838. *Mémoires de la Société des Sciences Naturelles de Neuchâtel*, 2: 38, 78–79. (Issued in the serial in [1839] but published as a separate in 1838).

The following is the reference for the designation of the lectotype of *Rana fasciata* Smith, 1849:

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature. 1964. Opinion 713. BZN 21: 352.